Issuance of Gas **Control Order, 1988**

678. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: • •

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued Gas Control Order in 1988, to conduct raids for checking hoarding and blackmarket-ing in gas cyclinders;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Order and when it was implemented; and

(e) what are the details of the raids conducted so far and what arc the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The Liquified Petroleum-Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988 was promulgated by the Government of India in 1983.

' (b) This Order seeks to (i) control unauthorised possession and consumption of LPG, (ii) regulate storage and transportation of LPG, (iii) check the sale and distribution $_0$f LPG below the standard weight, (iv) control the unauthorised possession, supply or sale of LPG equipment, and (v) to invest in designated officers of the Cen-tral|State Governments and Oil Companies the power of entry, search and seizure with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Order. It has come into force with effect from April 21, 1988.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

I Group Insurance Scheme **for the** teachers of **the Kendriya** Vidyalayas

679. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different categories of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas are insured under Group Insurance Scheme for sums which are lower than those for which teachers of corresponding grades of Union Territories are insured;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has been pressing for an increase in the sum of insurance; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) The teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, which is an autonomous body, are governed by a Group Saving Linked Insurance Scheme of the Life Insurance Corporation. Tha Life Insurance Corporation were not agreeable to cover the risk at par with that of Union Territories' teachers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The position has been reviewed by a Sub-committee in consultation with the Life Insurance Corporation of India for bringing the Group Insurance benefits at par with those available to other teachers of the Union Territories. The proposals are under examination.

राजस्थान में उपभोक्ताओं को रसोई गैस सिलेण्डर प्राप्त करने में हो रही कठिनाईयां

680. डा० अकरार अहमद : क्या पैट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि राजस्थान में उपभोक्ताओं

को अपने रसोई गैस सिलेण्डरों को प्राप्त करने में कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और उनकी पर्याप्त सप्लाई को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) राजस्थान में रसोई गैस सिलेण्डरों की प्रतिमाह आवश्यकता कितनी है और उन स्थानों और संयंत्रों के नाम क्या हैं जहां से यह सप्लाई की जाती है; और

(ग) क्या इन गैस एजेंसियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की गई है जो गैस सिलेण्डरों की आपूर्ति हेतु एल.पी.जी. बाटलिंग प्लांट को समय पर बैंक ड्राफ्ट नहीं भेजते और जिसके कारण यहां पर सिलेण्डरों की कमी है?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय) : (क) थोक एल.पी.जी. की उपलब्धता, परिवहन समस्या तथा छुट-पुट कानून और व्यवस्था संबंधी समस्याओं की बाधाओं के कारण राजस्थान की कुछ लोकेशनों में एल.पी.जी. रिफ़िलों की आपूर्ति की अस्थायी कमी की रिपोर्ट मिली थी। उत्पादन बढ़ाने और आयात, भरण कार्य में वृद्धि करने, संचलन में शीघ्रता लाने और रिफ़िलों की शीघ्र सुपुर्दगी को बढ़ाकर एल.पी.जी. की उपलब्धता में वृद्धि करने की कार्रवाई की गई है। इन उपायों से आपूर्ति की स्थिति में अब सुधार हुआ है।

(ख) और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा इसे सदन के पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

681. [*Transferred] to 12th March,* 1991]

Attempts to hijack Boeing aircraft on Calcutta **Agartala route**

682. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an alleged hijacking attempt of an Indian Airlines Boeing was foiled by its crew members with the help of a group of passengers on the Calcutta-Agartaa route on the 4th February, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHA-WAN): (a) to (c) An unarmed passenger behaved in an abnormal manner on the said flight and asked for the flight to be taken back to Calcutta. He was, however, overpowered and handed over to the police on arrival of the flight at Agartala. Security measures are strictly enforced at the airports to prevent unlawful interference with aircraft.

Aircrafts with Air India

683. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present fleet of aircrafts with Air India consume more fuel, that there is huge expenditure on their maintenance and repairs and that they do not offer competitive facilities; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Gov - ernment propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHA-WAN): (a) and (b) Some of the Boeing 747-200 aircraft are 15 to 20 years old and they are less fuel efficient than the newer generation of aircraft. They also require higher level of expenditure on maintenance and repairs.

Air India has plans to modernise its fleet.